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Laughter fills Helmsman Complex with visiting comedians

BY ART FRITH
NSA MID-SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Performing before a packed house, the Comics on Duty World Tour (CODT) paid a visit to NSA Mid-South Friday night for a pair of performances at the Helmsman Complex.

Created in 1992, CODT is produced exclusively for the military community by Richard Davis, the executive producer of the Davis Entertainment Group. The comedy troupe features only national headline comedians and delivers the highest "network-caliber" comedy program to the U.S. Armed Forces. To date, CODT has performed nearly 1,800 shows worldwide and entertained hundreds of thousands of military personnel, including more than 195 shows at 71 different sites inside of Iraq and more than 250 performances overall in support of both Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Steve Mazan, Tom Foss, Troy Thirdgill and Keith Alberstadt were the four comedians performing for the Helmsman audience. When asked to compare military and non-military audiences, Mazan, who has been touring with CODT for three years, said, "In general, military audiences are much better behaved. They usually aren't drunk and disorderly like some people at comedy clubs can be."

It's not all fun and games for the comics while they're on the road. "My best memory of doing these tours was in Iraq," said Mazan. "We were performing for more than 800

soldiers in Baghdad at one of Saddam's theaters, when the base started getting shelled. An alarm went off. A quick reaction force left, while everyone else stayed, as the theater was a designated shelter. We donned our flak jackets and helmets and returned to the stage to perform, even though we had finished our show. The soldiers went wild when we took the stage. After the all clear was called, the troops told us it was the most entertaining alarm they ever had."

Another seasoned veteran of the CODT is Tom Foss. "I've been with the Comics on Duty Tour for almost three years," he said. While Foss has a pair of shipboard performances to his credit so far in 2006, he says the performance that sticks out in his mind is on dry land.

"My most memorable performance was on the back of a semi-truck in the mountains of Afghanistan." Delivering quality comedy entertainment to U.S. servicemen and women and their families around the world can put Foss and the other comedians, in harms way. Foss explained, "A lot of people ask why we do it. Why do we go to these danger zones? I tell them it's because it's the best thing I can do with what I have. And as someone who uses his freedom of speech to make a living, I am always glad to help those who defend it!"

A relative newcomer to the troupe is Keith Alberstadt. "I

been a big supporter. I started touring with CODT last October in Iraq. We toured there for eight days and nights. It was the most amazing experience of my career. I'm going back in September."

Thanks to Navy Entertainment, Armed Forces Entertainment and USAREUR, the CODT has performed more than 200 shows for personnel deployed with both Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Their performance here Friday evening was the last of a three-stop tour through the Mid-South, which also included Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. and Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.



The Comics on Duty World Tour - Pictured above, Tom Foss performs as part of the show featuring himself, Keith Alberstadt, Steve Mazan and Troy Thirdgill at a packed Helmsman Complex on Friday night. (Photo by Art Frith)

HARDWOOD

Showdown

The Harlem Ambassadors brought their blend of basketball skills and comedy to NSA Mid-South last week. The Ambassadors challenged the Mid-South All-Stars, led by Matt "The Skipper" Straughan and Terry "The Mayor" Jones, for bragging rights. The All-Stars trailed through most of the first half, but quickly put 40 points up on the scoreboard to lead 48-38 at the start of the second. However, it would be The Harlem Ambassadors who were victorious. See more photos on page 6. (Photos by Art Frith)

THE STATE GUARD: an opportunity to serve

BY ART FRITH
NSA MID-SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, National Guard units across the country have experienced increased federalization, in order to augment the active-duty forces fighting the global war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In recent years, governors and state legislatures came to realize that in the event of a national emergency, the troops that provided local service in their respective states would be withdrawn from their command and that a back up plan was needed. In response to that need, the Tennessee Defense Force was formed in 1985, with the mission to provide a trained and organized military reserve force under the control of the governor. It would provide service to the state when the Tennessee National Guard (TNG) is under federal control, or otherwise on a mission for the governor, and unable to perform certain duties to meet the needs of

the people. In 1998, the Tennessee State Legislature changed the name to the Tennessee State Guard (TNSG).

The TNSG is not to be confused with the TNG. A unit that can trace its origins all the way back to the American Revolutionary War, the TNSG is an all-volunteer regimental unit that belongs to the governor. It is there to bridge the gap when the TNG is federalized or otherwise occupied. The structure of the TNSG is the same as for any military unit. An infantry unit that is divided from the regimental size down to the squad of 15 men, the TNSG falls under the operational command of the adjutant general of the TNG.

Members of the TNSG continually train, in order to be prepared if called to an emergency situation. "The reality of natural disasters occurring, and the existence of continued threats of terrorist attacks, means that the Tennessee State Guard has very specific roles and responsibilities for response," said Lt. Col. Brian

See Guard, 4



At the ready - Members of the Tennessee State Guard 1st Regiment practice their skills in crowd control, part of their security training program. (Photo courtesy of 1st Regiment, Tennessee State Guard)

NEWS BRIEFS

BLUEJACKET Briefs

The VITA Program offers free tax help for low- to moderate-income (under \$35,000) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Preparers will assist with simple returns and electronic filing. This free service will be available at two sites onboard NSA Mid-South, either by appointment at 874-7379 at Bldg 455, 1st Deck; or by Walk-in to Bldg 791, Room H200 from 0800 to 1200 weekdays.

Two New Christian Study Groups Forming - - The Navigators is sponsoring a Christian growth group, "Growing in God's Family." This 10-session course is designed to help you understand the Bible through

a small-group study focusing on Bible reading, Scripture memorization and prayer. New to Christianity? CE2 Nichols is offering an 8-week group to help you understand what it means to be saved, how to pray, and to live a victorious Christian life. Group participants will decide the meeting day and time. For more information, please call Chaplain Rob Beede at 874-5341.

The Germantown Chorus presents its Winter Concert with special guests, the Whitehaven High School Concert Choir, for two performances at Germantown Presbyterian Church. The program features a variety of works from spiritual to classical. Concert dates are Friday, February 17, at 8 pm and Sunday, February 19 at 3 pm.

Send us your comments to bluejacketmtil@yahoo.com.

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Inspirational images

Space artist Edwin Faughn keynotes National Prayer Breakfast

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SPECIAL TO THE BLUEJACKET

The dozens of local dignitaries, citizens and service members who gathered at the Mid-South Conference Center last Thursday took a trip to space, courtesy of the images of artist Edwin Faughn.

But Faughn's presentation wasn't meant to be just informational — it was also meant to be inspirational. Faughn was the guest speaker at NSA Mid-South's observance of the annual National Prayer Breakfast. Established in 1953 as the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, the National Prayer Breakfast took its contemporary name in 1970.

Millington Mayor Terry Jones was one of the leaders of the ceremony, reading the National Prayer Breakfast proclamation. Local pastors who participated in the program included the Rev. Steven Flockhart of Crosspointe Baptist Church, the Rev. Quintin Smith of Historical First Baptist

Church and the Rev. Ken Uselton of Millington First United Methodist Church. Cmdr. Russell Chang,

member of the International Association of Astronomical Artists, Faughn has had his work featured in and on the cover of such magazines as *Astronomy*, *Scientific American*, *Sky & Telescope* and the late Carl Sagan's *Planetary Society Magazine*.

For nearly 17 years, Faughn was the artist-photographer for the Sharpe Planetarium at Memphis' Pink Palace Museum.

A former atheist, Faughn said he now believes the design of the universe speaks of an infinitely powerful creator.

"We tend to put God in a little box," he said, "and I think we really don't have a clue about the power of the God we serve."

After the breakfast, NSA commanding officer Capt. Matt Straughan said he was pleased with the event — his first as commander of the base.

"I thought it went great," he said. "(We had) outstanding support from the community."

"I was glad to see we had a good cross-section of military, retired military and local people," he said.



Look to the stars - Edwin Faughn is presented with a NSA Mid-South command plaque by executive officer Cmdr. Rusty Chang. The guest speaker for the command's 2006 National Prayer Breakfast, Faughn's presentation brought a unique mix of art, space science and the word of God to the full house at the Pat Thompson Center. (Photo by Art Frith, images courtesy Edwin Faughn)

executive officer of NSA Mid-South, said the breakfast represents "a time when all men and women, from all faiths, can gather around a common table and reflect on what it means to share the kindred spirit of our unity in God and his power."

Faughn, too, spoke of God's power, as the creator of the universe which Faughn has been observing, photographing and painting for years. A

New instruction outlines Navy's suicide prevention program, responsibilities

BY JOC TERESA J. FRITH
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With the implementation of the new Suicide Prevention Program instruction on Dec. 28, OPNAV 1720.4, Sailors are now required to attend annual suicide prevention training. Included as part of Life Skills/Health promotion training, it will contain information on suicide risk factors, appropriate actions and responses to take if it is thought someone is suicidal, and strategies for obtaining assistance from local support services.

"For the last 10 years, suicide has been either the second or third leading cause of death among active duty Sailors," said Cmdr. Anthony P. Doran, Psychologist, NPC Behavioral Health

Program. "On average, about 80 to 90 percent of Sailors polled during a training class knew at least one person who had either harmed himself or thought of doing so."

OPNAV 1720.4 also requires that each commanding officer (CO) appoint a suicide prevention coordinator (SPC) for their command. This may be a medical officer, substance abuse counselor, or the command chaplain. The SPC's job will be to aid the CO in ensuring the suicide prevention program is implemented. Commands will also be required to set up action plans that include information on identification, referral, access to treatment, and follow-up for personnel having problems that indicate a heightened risk of suicide.

"Sailors can help some-

one who they think may be suicidal by becoming a "first responder," said Doran. "A first responder is someone who first recognizes someone who shows a risk of suicide and then responds to prevent it."

According to Doran, risk factors include people undergoing current or pending disciplinary or legal action, relationship problems, substance abuse, financial troubles, work-related issues, serious medical concerns, unmanageable stress, and other similar situations. "Any individual who reports having suicidal thoughts or behaviors must always be taken seriously," stressed Doran.

For more information on suicide prevention go to <http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/suicide-prevention/>.

Free tax help for military personnel, families

The military is one of our strongest partners in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The Armed Forces Tax Council (AFTC) consists of the tax program coordinators for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The AFTC oversees the operation of the military tax programs worldwide, and serves as the main conduit for outreach by the IRS to military personnel and their families. Marines, airmen, soldiers, sailors and guardsmen, and their families, worldwide get tax preparation help at offices within their installations. These VITA sites provide free tax advice, tax preparation, and assistance to military members and their families. They are trained and equipped to address military specific tax issues, such as combat zone tax benefits and the effect of the new Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) guidelines.

Commanders support the

program by detailing service members to prepare returns and by providing space and equipment for tax centers. The IRS supports these efforts by providing tax software and by training service members to prepare taxes at the military sites.

Most service members file their tax returns electronically at their tax centers and, by selecting direct deposit, receive their refunds in as little as one week. This combined effort ensures that service members receive free tax assistance from well-trained and equipped military tax preparers.

Items you need to bring to the VITA/TCE sites to have your tax returns prepared

- * Must bring photo identification

- * Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents

- * Birth dates for primary, secondary and dependents on the tax return

- * Current year's tax package if you received one

- * Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers

- * Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)

- * A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available

- * Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit

- * Other relevant information about income and expenses

- o Total Paid for Day Care
- o Day Care providers

- Identifying number
- * To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

VITA sites are here at NSA Mid-South at PERS, BLDG 791, Room H200, walk-ins from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday; or by appointment through the NLSO at 874-7379.

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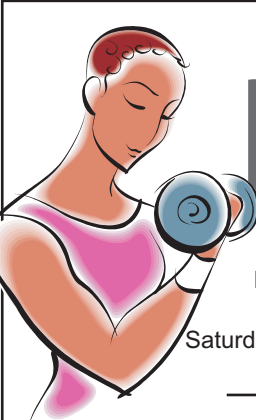
- 1 English hominid
- 5 Outfit, in restaurant lingo
- 11 Some Spanish replies
- 14 Terrorism phrt, perhaps
- 15 Surgical beams
- 16 Word with many moons
- 17 Four words with paper
- 20 WWII French common soldier
- 21 Piece of the whole (Abbr.)
- 22 Subjective surrounding
- 23 Grandma, affectionately
- 25 Adm. or capt.'s org., perhaps
- 27 Three words with paper
- 35 Stumpy's TV pal
- 36 Sex assistance
- 37 "De Postari Dal Monte"
- 38 Church official
- 41 Though poetically
- 42 Disturbing attitude
- 43 River by the Louvre
- 44 It inhibits impartial judgement
- 46 Sault _____ Marie
- 47 Three words with paper
- 51 Income provided by the U.S. gov't
- 52 _____ saw
- 53 Unofficially off-base
- 56 Country music org.
- 59 Ball cohort
- 62 Three words with paper
- 66 Winner's take
- 67 Water mover on a house
- 68 End in _____ (require overtime)
- 69 Use Miss Chiro!, e.g.
- 70 Stalk out
- 71 Dies of twigs

DOWN

- 1 Inaccurate
- 2 Road Runner's sound
- 3 Dessert item since 1912
- 4 Termination
- 5 Eldritch shamelessly
- 6 Vanish ingredient
- 7 Quizzes
- 8 Member of an Iranian people
- 9 Inshoooot
- 10 Subj. for immigrants, perhaps
- 11 "Elephant Boy" boy
- 12 "Young Frankenstein" character
- 13 Kind of bean
- 18 Lethargic feeling
- 19 Armed cavalry soldier
- 24 One-celled organism
- 26 Pt. of CBS
- 27 Usurp forcefully
- 28 Moneytrapper
- 29 "Guns Don't _____"
- 30 Fat liquid
- 31 Youthful period
- 32 Pit bull controller
- 33 Last Supper question
- 34 Eucharist plate
- 39 Isolate
- 40 Aunts and uncles, e.g. (Abbr.)
- 45 Whiskers, e.g.
- 48 Spasm sound
- 49 Service entrance, sometimes
- 50 "The Wizard of Oz" character
- 53 Just _____ (not much)
- 54 Grateful
- 55 Give the ghd eye
- 57 Remote control button
- 58 Letter abbreviation
- 60 Mention as proof
- 61 "Coming _____" (Three Dog Night hit)
- 63 Certain NFL linemen
- 64 Lou Grant's anchor-man
- 65 Disappoint (with "down")

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authorized patrons 16 and older. MWR authorized patrons are defined as all personnel who live and work onboard Navy Mid-South as well as Active Duty, Retired, and Reserve Military Personnel, Naval Support Activity Mid-South civilian personnel and their family members. Patrons at all levels of experience

For more information on any of the above sports or to turn in roster you can come by the N-82 gym, call the Athletic Office at 874-5383, fax at 874-5409 or E-mail at apruitt@nsams.navy.mil.

Intramural Standings as of Feb. 08, 2006									
Basketball League					Volleyball League				
"5"	7	0	STRAGGLERS	11	1				
SWISH	6	3	NAVMAC	10	2				
PERS 4	5	0	PERS 6	9	4				
HOOP IT UP	5	1	PERS 48	8	5				
EPMAC	5	3	BOL BULLIES	6	6				
BALLERS	4	3	WREATH						
USACE	3	5	WARRIORS	5	7				
PSD	3	5							
NBHC	2	3	CNRC	5	8				
MARINES	2	5	ENGINEERS	2	11				
MEPS	2	6	AUGMENTATORS	0	12				
WARFIGHTERS	1	5							
CNRC B	1	8							


Life is a balancing act...

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We are looking for potential providers who will care for children ages six weeks and up.

Class size is limited! Potential providers are required to attend CDH Orientation BEFORE participating in training. Please contact Dianne at 874-7309 to schedule your orientation before Feb. 10th!



CDH Provider Training Feb. 13-17
CDH Office, Bldg. S-780, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. *

*Additional time and days may be required to complete necessary training requirements.

Mardi Gras Party and Cook-off series continues



Party goes Debra Howze, Kathleen Jennings, and John Perales ham it up for the camera at the Annual Mardi Gras Party 2005

The Mid-South community is in for a treat as MWR's 5th Annual Mardi Gras party and Cajun Cook-off approaches. Last year fourteen contestants competed for the

coveted bragging right of Best Cajun Cook at the People's Choice contest, sponsored by MWR. The 2005 winners of the Cajun Cook-Off were, first place (for two years running!), Terry Erwin; second place, Julion Bend; and third place, George Howze. "People flock to these regular cook-offs for the great food, good music, costumes and just plain fun." Shares Bonnie McDaniel, MWR ITT Manager.

Contestants brought in everything from Alligator Stew, several different gumbos, traditional jambalayas, cold Cajun salads, and sweet and spicy cornbreads. "It was a fragrant,

flavorful presentation and really gave our judges a job to do." Remembers Nica Anderson, MWR Marketing.

"The judges really have it the best!" "If you are here for the event, then you get to taste and vote on some of the best cooking in the Mid-South. Just being here makes everyone a judge." said Gina Parsons, MWR Leisure Services.

MWR continues to heighten the excitement for these events each year by adding something new to the successful Cook-Off Series. This will be the second year for the Navy's Dixieland Band to perform at the parade, in the works for next year are ideas like "human powered floats" and entries in a true walking parade and judges for the best entry." Said Anderson. "Now that we have some Louisiana folks to in our community, it's important that we grow the event into something they can be proud of too."

5th Annual Glen Eagle Golf Course

MARDI GRAS PARTY

and Cajun Cook-off

Friday, Feb. 24

...The party starts at 5 p.m...
Wear your hats, masks, beads and boas!
Come dressed to impress in Mardi Gras style!
This event is open to all and there's no cover charge!

The festivities are kicked off with the Navy Band Mid-South Dixieland Band leading the Mardi Gras parade.

There will be GREAT FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES, BEVERAGE SPECIALS, and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

"People's Choice" Cajun Cook-off contest judging. (Cook-off judging begins at 5:45 p.m. SHARP!)

Memphis Blues Queens perform at 7:30 p.m.

How to enter the Cajun Cook-off contest
Do you make a "mean" gumbo or have a flair for Cajun cooking? Whip up your favorite Cajun dish (3-5 quarts recommended) and join the competition. There's no fee to enter contest!!!! However, entrants must sign up to participate. Call 874-5455 to sign up no later than Wednesday, Feb. 22. Please note that this is a "Peoples Choice" contest and that means everyone who attends the party will be allowed to sample entries and it will be their taste buds that determine "Who's Cajun dish is the best. Deadline for Cook-Off entrants to have their dishes in place is 5:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

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Youth Center Program updates

Navy Mid-South Youth Center School-Age Care (SAC) priority placement registration Summer Day Camp '06.

Sponsors may register on or after the date listed for their category. A Waiting List (CEWL) will be established for any SAC program that exceeds the registration limit. Registration is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Alternate registration days and times are available through appointment only. Enrollment Fee is non-refundable

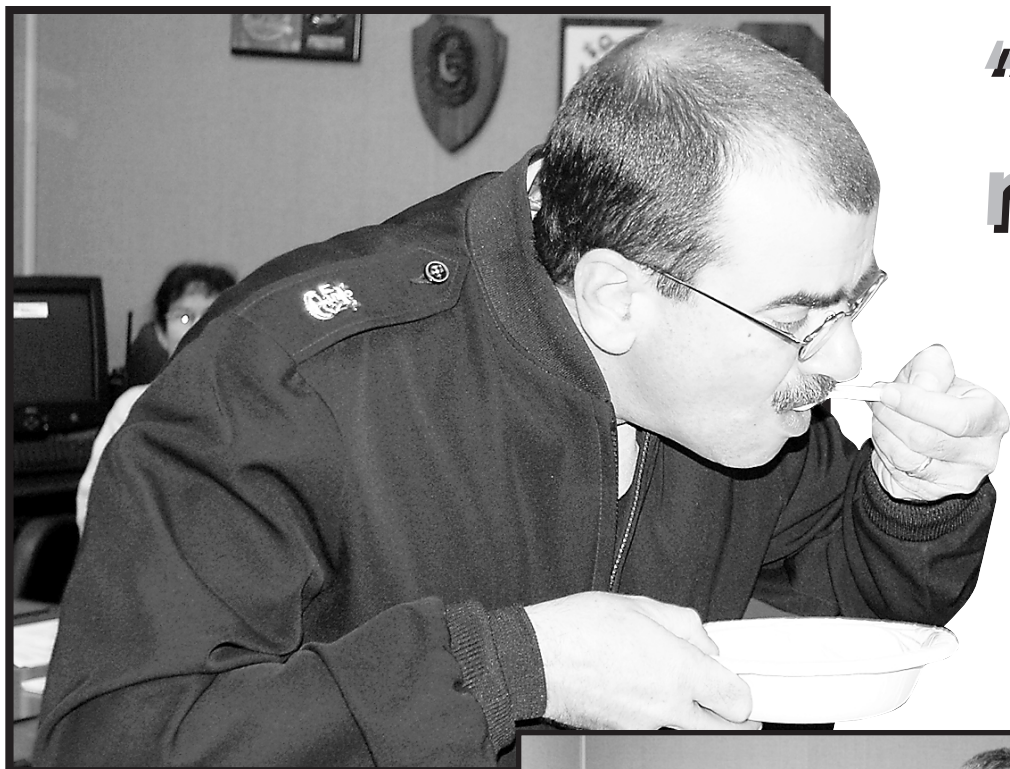
and is applied to first weekly fee. Sponsors: a \$5 deposit will also be accepted for each specific week reserved in each camper's name. Deposits will later be applied towards weekly fee. For further information, call 874-5155.

Category--camp '06 reg.-- begins
1--Single Active Duty--4 April
2--Dual Active Duty--5 April
3--Active Duty w/working spouse--6 April
4--Active Duty w/student spouse--11 April
5--Single DoD--12 April
6--Dual DoD--13 April
7--DoD w/working spouse--18 April

8--DoD w/student spouse--19 April
9--Active Duty w/non-working spouse--20 April
10--DoD w/non-working spouse--25 April
11--DoD Contractors-- 26 April
12--Active Duty Coast Guard--27 April

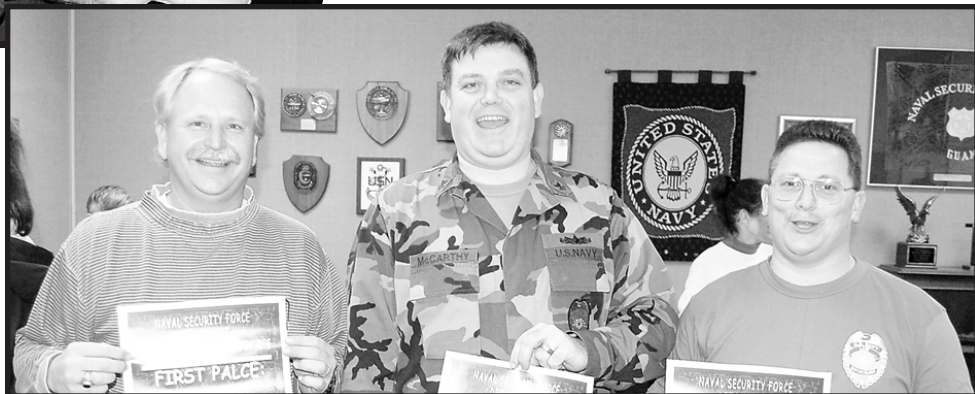
* Youth Program Forms available at Youth Center (Bldg. 936) or by accessing the Youth Center's webpage at nsamidsouth.navy.mil. NOTE: in the event that two sponsors' priority is equal, date and order of enrollment will determine placement on list (active and/or waiting).

UPCOMING KID'S NIGHT OUT				
\$5 non-refundable deposit required of all KNO participants to be placed on the list. For more information call the Youth Center at (901) 874-5155.				
WHO	WHERE	WHEN	REG.	HOW MUCH/INCLUDES
K-5th	Youth Center	Friday, 17 February 6-11pm	2/6	6-11pm \$10 = Fun, games & supervision
K-5th	Youth Center	Friday, 3 March 6-11pm	2/21	\$10 = Fun, games & supervision
1 st -5 th *	Movie () The Shaggy Dog	Friday, 17 March 5:30-11pm	3/6	\$10 = Movie ticket, transportation to/from movie, supervision, ride home (upon request)
1 st -5 th *	Movie (G) Ice Age 2	Friday, 7 April 6-11pm	3/27	\$10 = Movie ticket, transportation to/from movie, supervision, ride home (upon request)
K-5th	Youth Center	Friday, 21 April 530-11pm	4/10	\$10** = Fun, pizza, lemonade, games & supervision **Month of the Military Child = \$5 discount Active Duty
K-5th	Youth Center	Friday, 5 May 6-11pm	4/24	\$10 = Fun, games & supervision
1 st -5 th *	Movie () Over the Hedge	Friday, 19 May 6-11pm	5/8	\$10 = Movie ticket, transportation to/from movie, supervision, ride home (upon request)
* Kindergarteners become eligible for KNO-trips effective January 2006 on a case-by-case basis.				



"Mmmmm
mmmmmm,
good."

NSA Mid-South Command Master Chief Robert Stocklin samples one of the 10 chili offerings in the Security Department's annual Chili Cook-off. For the second straight year, Emmitt Topping (left) took First Place honors. **MAI (SW) Matthew McCarthy (center)** placed second, with **MAC (SW/SCW) William Phillips (right)** in third. (Photos by Art Frith)



IRS deduction changes for car donation

BY LIFELINES RESEARCH STAFF
AND THE IRS

If you donate a vehicle (including a boat or aircraft) to a qualified organization after December 31, 2004, your deduction is limited to the gross proceeds from its sale by the organization. This rule applies if the claimed value of the donated vehicle is more than \$500. However, you generally can deduct its fair market value if the organization:

1. Makes significant intervening use of the vehicle,
2. Materially improves the vehicle, or
3. Transfers the vehicle to a needy individual in direct furtherance of the donee's charitable purpose of relieving the poor and distressed or underprivileged who are in need of a means of transportation.

Boats, aircraft and other vehicles

These rules also apply to donations of boats, aircraft, and any other vehicle manufactured mainly for use on

public streets, roads, and highways.

Acknowledgement required

If the claimed value of the car is more than \$500, you must have a written acknowledgement of your donation from the organization and must attach it to your return. If you do not have an acknowledgement, you cannot deduct your contribution.

The acknowledgement must include the following information:

1. Your name and taxpayer identification number.
2. The vehicle identification number or similar number.
3. A statement certifying the car was sold in an arm's length transaction between unrelated parties.
4. The gross proceeds from the sale.
5. A statement that your deduction may not be more than the gross proceeds from the sale.
6. The date of the contribution.

However, if there was sig-

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More information can be found in Notice 2005-44 and the 2005 revision of Publication 526, Charitable Contributions (to be available mid-December 2005).

Regiment worked alongside Navy personnel to provide security around the clock for four days following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9/11. These citizen-soldiers have provided support to NSA Mid-South in a number of other ways. "We enjoy working with the Tennessee State Guard in many areas," said Capt. Matt Straughan, NSA Mid-South commanding officer. "They conduct very professional burial services, ensuring that all veterans are honored as they deserve to be. They were essential during the Mid-South Air Show,

providing security and access control. We look forward to working with them in the future in all areas of emergency preparedness and emergency management. The unit is an asset that we have come to depend upon."

The 1st TN Regiment meets the second weekend of each month at Bldg. 1724, with drills occasionally held at locations away from the base, such as at Jackson, Tenn. For more information on the TNSG, or to sign up, contact Capt. Jim Robinson at 901-351-2716 or Lt. Col. Willemssen at (901) 874-4734.

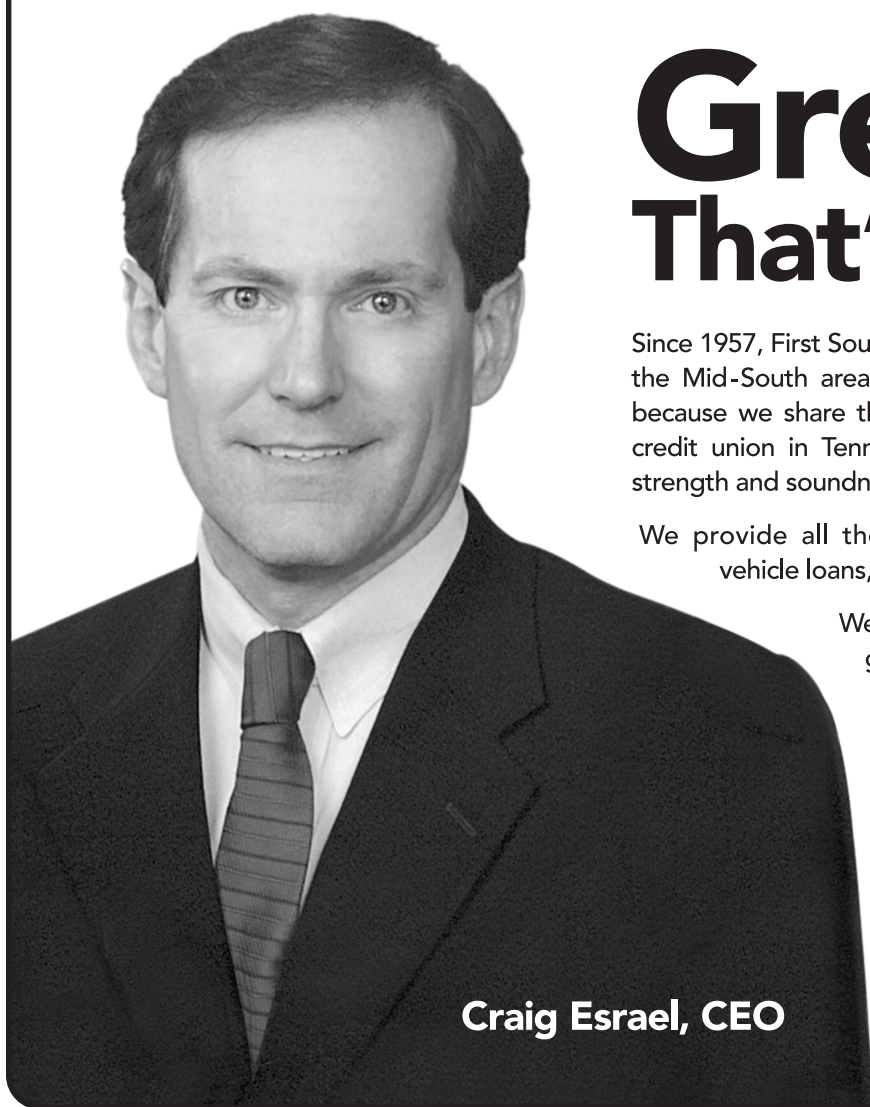
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Willemssen, commanding officer of the Tennessee 1st Regiment. "Service in the Tennessee State Guard provides any resident, whether they are 17 to 70, prior service or non-prior service, the opportunity to use their civilian or military experience to enhance the organization's capabilities. This is especially true for the prior service volunteers who want to continue to serve their country and community in a useful way."

There are a number of similar units operating in other states. These men and women stand ready to help, if necessary, should an emergency arise. TNSG members are volunteers from all walks of life and include teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, and retired military members from all branches of the service. "We have members with all types of experience and capabilities. I have a senior NCO (non-commissioned officer) that was awarded the Silver Star in Vietnam, who serves as a Headquarters first sergeant," Willemssen explained. "There is a Gulf War special forces veteran that serves as a captain in the Operations/Training section, and a non-prior service warrant officer that is an EMT (emergency medical technician) in town and serves in the Regimental Medical Unit. The bottom line is continued service to the community, and the State Guard provides an opportunity to do so in a military-type organization."

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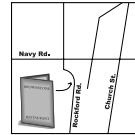
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Valentine's Day card-giving tradition has long history

BY JOC TERESA J. FRITH
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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 192 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year, making it second only to Christmas as the most popular greeting card-giving occasion. That number doesn't include the millions of children's Valentine's Day cards sold in boxed sets, so the numbers may actually put it first in popularity.

The origins of Valentine's Day itself are uncertain. Some historians believe it originated with Juno, the Roman Goddess of women and marriage. In ancient Rome, she was honored on Feb. 14. Others trace the day back to St. Valentine, a priest of the early Christian church who was martyred in Rome on Feb. 14, in the year 270.

The Emperor Claudius II had put a ban on marriages and engagements so men had no attachments to keep them from joining the army. Valentine was killed for secretly marrying couples in violation of this law.

St. Valentine himself is thought to have penned the first valentine in his cell as he awaited his execution. Legend says he had a secret relationship with the prison guard's daughter and signed his letters, "From your dear Valentine."

History shows that Valentine's Day greetings were popular as far back as the middle ages, when lovers sang or recited their declarations. One of the first written cards was sent by a Frenchman - Charles, Duke of Orleans, who sent several rhymed love letters to his wife in 1415 from his cell in the Tower of London.

Over the next three hundred years, most people made their own valentines using original verse or copied from special booklets of appropriate poems. By the early 1800s they were being made in factories with everything from simple cards to expensive ones made with real lace and ribbons being manufactured. The first American card maker was Ester A. Howland of Worcester, Mass., who started her business in 1847, making over \$100,000 a year.

Not all Valentine's cards are based on love and romance. In the 1800s, a type of card called the penny dreadful became popular that was used to send insults instead of praise. Made of cheap paper and ink, the one-cent cards were usually sent anonymously and contained verses such as, "Tis all in vain your simpering looks; you never can incline; with all

your bustles, stays and curls; to find a Valentine."

Over the centuries, Valentine icons have included everything from hearts and cupids to popular cartoon characters being used to help couples declare their devotion to one another. Gifts of chocolate, jewelry or other such items have also added to the holiday's romantic traditions.

Valentine cards today are a multi-million dollar business with cards of every type imagined being available. They have even entered the cyber age, with dozens of Internet sites offering electronic Valentine cards to eager 21st century patrons. There are even special categories such as cards for people to give to their pets.

So, whether you write your own verses or surf the Net for a special cyber greeting, Happy Valentine's Day to all!

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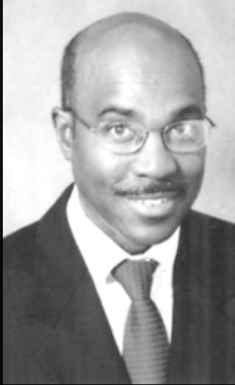
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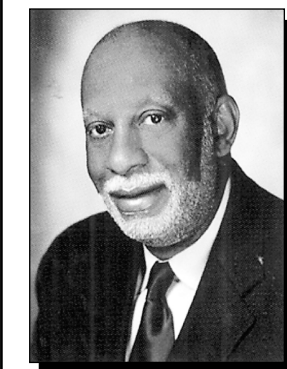
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ELECTION SEASON BEGINS — Exercise Your Right to Vote

BY JOC SHERRI ONORATI
NAVY VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MCTG.

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Although 2006 is not a presidential election year, the elections being held across the country this year are just as important. The 2006 election season officially starts March 7, with the Texas State Primary. The Navy Voting Assistance Program is committed to making the process of registration and voting as easy as possible for Sailors and their families.

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is available to all U.S. citizens from local voting assistance officers and the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site at www.fvap.gov. Once filled out, the applications should be mailed to the applicant's local voting official in their state of residence. *The 2006-07*

Voting Assistance Guide, located on the FVAP site, includes a list of the mailing addresses for local voting officials. "The ultimate goal of the Navy Voting Assistance Program is to register every Sailor who is eligible to vote," said Lt. Dave Truman, Navy Voting Assistance Program manager for Commander, Navy Installations Command.

"Primary elections play an important role in the electoral process," he explained. "The names that represent the parties and appear on the general election ballot Nov. 7 will be the candidates that were chosen during the primary election process." Voters in state primaries will select their party's candidates for state and federal offices, such as governor, U.S. senator and members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Voter participation is crucial in any election and primaries are no different. The dates for state primaries are

spread throughout the year.

Visit <http://www.cni.navy.mil/NavVote/Index.html> or consult your local Voting Assistance Officer for a particular state election date or for more information. "Even though this isn't a presidential election year, it's still extremely important to be registered to vote," said Truman. "This year, a majority of the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and governor seats are being decided." "The privilege of voting is a basic right and responsibility of U.S. citizenship," added Truman. "The Navy Voting Assistance program can help Sailors exercise that right."

Elections for 33 of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate, along with the entire U.S. House of Representatives elections will be held Nov. 7. Additionally, there will be races for governor in 36 states, as well as many other state and local elections contested that day.



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Too Gassed Up?

Yes, this one is real. The company that was sued here ("the defendant") operates an Exxon convenience store on U.S. Highway 11W, also known as Rutledge Pike, in Knox County, Tennessee. The store consists of three connected portions—a convenience market and gas station, an ice cream counter, and a "Huddle House" restaurant—each owned and operated by the defendant. Late on July 22, 2000, Brian Tarver ("Tarver") entered the convenience store. Tarver was obviously intoxicated. Tarver pushed his way to the front of a long line and asked the clerk if she would "go get [him] some beer." Tarver smelled of beer and staggered as he walked. The clerk refused to sell him beer because, in her opinion, Tarver was intoxicated.

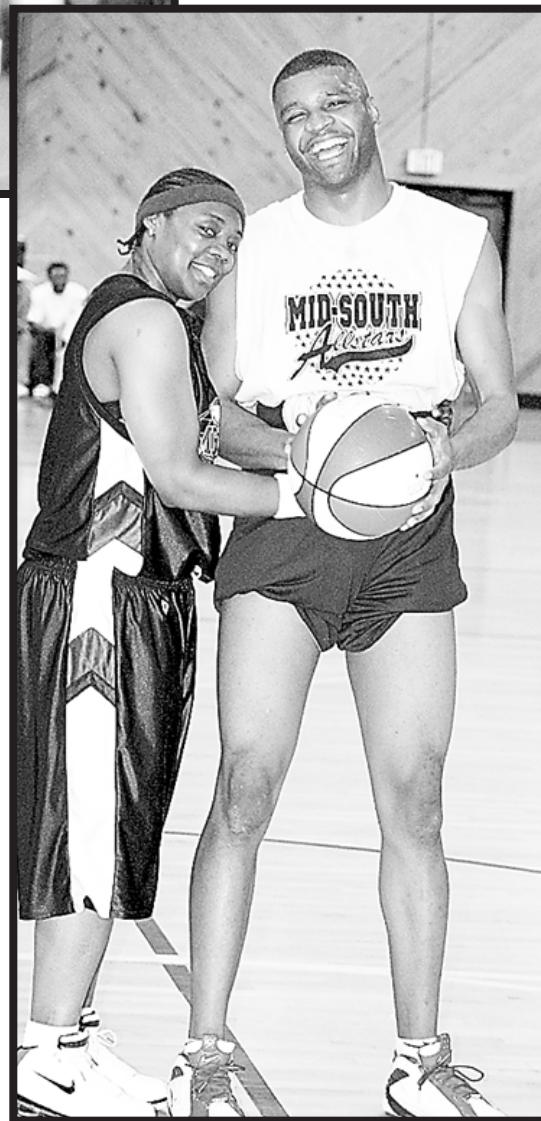
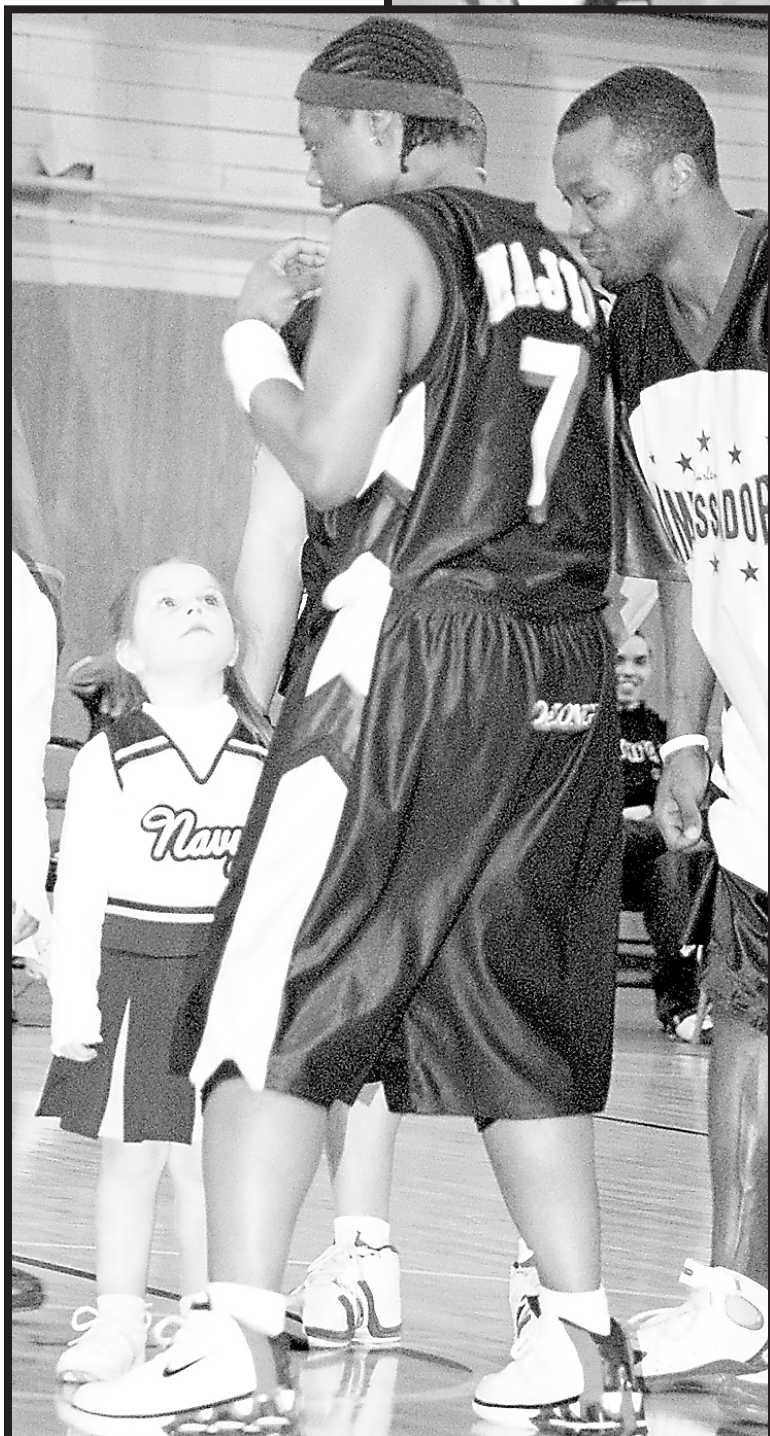
After being denied beer, Tarver began cursing loudly, talking in a threatening manner, and causing a disturbance inside the store. Tarver then managed to pull three crumpled one dollar bills out of his pocket and laid them on the counter. He told the clerk, "we need gas" and then turned to leave. A customer opened the door for Tarver, who staggered out of the store. A few moments later an alarm began "beeping" inside the store, alerting the clerk that someone was attempting to activate the gasoline pumps outside. Two off-duty Huddle House employees were at the store and came to the aid of the intoxicated Tarver, who could not push the correct button to activate the pump. They testified that they "could smell it [alcohol] on him" and "when we seen him walk away, [we] could tell he was drunk." Once she pushed the correct button on the pump for him, the clerk behind the counter activated the pump from inside the store.

Tarver pumped three dollars worth of gasoline, and left without turning on his headlights, and drove into the wrong lane of traffic. He was traveling south with no headlights on and in the wrong lane, while the plaintiffs' vehicle was traveling north on Rutledge Pike. Tarver managed to travel 2.8 miles from the convenience store before striking the plaintiffs' vehicle head-on. Both of the plaintiffs sustained very serious injuries in the accident.

The plaintiffs' expert, a mechanical engineering professor at U.T., examined the fuel tank of Tarver's vehicle and determined that at the time Tarver stopped at the defendant's store his vehicle contained only enough fuel to travel another 1.82 miles. Therefore, without the three dollars worth of gas he obtained at the store, Tarver would have "run out" of gasoline approximately one mile before reaching the accident scene.

This case is going to trial, since the Tennessee Supreme Court felt that: convenience store employees owed a duty of reasonable care to persons on the roadways, including the plaintiffs, when selling gasoline to an obviously intoxicated driver and/or assisting an obviously intoxicated driver in pumping the gasoline into his vehicle.

It appears that the store would not be blamed if they would have refused to sell him the gas like they refused to sell him the beer.



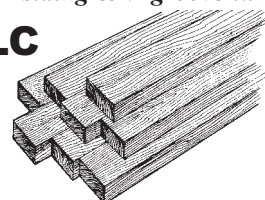
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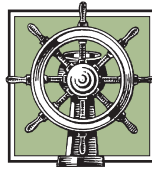
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<div><p>12</p><p>JDFC Fitness Challenge 2006 Monday, Jan. 30 through Sunday, April 30 There is NO charge - it's FREE! at Joe Dugger Call 874-5497 for information</p><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Prime (PG 13)</p></div>				<div><p>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 18 Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham</p><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Rent (PG 13)</p></div>	<div><p>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 17 Fried Catfish Smoked Sausage</p><p>PRESIDENT'S DAY BINGO SPECIAL 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><p>Kid's Night Out 6-11 p.m. at Youth Center \$10 fee covers fun, games and supervision call 874-5155 for information.</p><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Serenity (PG 13)</p></div>	<div><p>Ballet, Jazz and Tap Class 18 every Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Conference Center</p><p>FAMILY MOVIE DAY! Ellison Rec. Center 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) Zathura (PG)</p><p>Family Skate Night 7-10 p.m. N-82 Gym For info call 874-5155</p><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Two for the Money (R)</p></div>



A living Navy legend - BMCM (DV) Carl Brashear's 31-year naval career is truly inspiring to all sailors, as living proof that personal goals can be achieved no matter how insurmountable the odds might be. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Naval Institute)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT: *An inspiration to all sailors*

By Art Frith
NSA Mid-South Public Affairs

A sailor who helped shape Navy life as we know it today is Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Carl Brashear. Brashear's story is now well known throughout the Navy and around the world thanks to fellow Navy veteran Bill Cosby, who used Brashear's life story as the basis for the movie *Men of Honor*, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robert DeNiro.

When Brashear joined the Navy in 1948, segregation was still prevalent. Brashear, as did the majority of black enlisted sailors at the time, worked in the steward's rating. However, his goal was to become a master diver. In order to achieve that goal, he would have to overcome numerous obstacles including bigotry, racial prejudice and stereotypes.

While working as a steward in Key West, Fla., he converted to boatswain's mate and got his first break when BMC Guy Johnson got him a job as a beachmaster. He applied to become a diver while serving in his next duty, the escort carrier USS Palau (CVE-122). The request was rejected. The son of a Kentucky sharecropper, Brashear was not one to take "No" for an answer. While serving in the escort carrier USS Tripoli (CVE-64), Brashear began training in salvage diving. He again

applied to become a diver and the request was granted.

Brashear endured harassment, threats, and racial slurs while attending diver school. In spite of all the personal attacks, he kept moving forward toward his goal of becoming a Navy diver. Flunking out of the 26-week course during his first attempt, he returned for a second try and graduated third out of a class of 17.

In 1966, Brashear was assigned to the USS Hoist (ARS-40). The ship was sent on a salvage mission to recover a nuclear weapon the Air Force had lost in Spanish waters. It would be an incident out of the water that would change his life forever. A pipe attached to a mooring line came loose. Without hesitation or regards for his personal safety, Brasher pushed one of his sailors out of harm's way. Meanwhile, the pipe sailed across the deck striking Brashear's lower left leg. Plastic surgery seemed to be the

way to repair his leg, but a number of complications, including gangrene, happened. This forced Brashear to instruct doctors at Portsmouth Naval Hospital to amputate his leg below the knee. While such an accident might have caused other men to be retired from active duty by the Navy, this would not be the case for Brashear. BuMed physical exam boards tried to retire Brashear as unfit for duty. This was not to be the case. Against seemingly insurmountable odds, Brashear passed all the required tests and was allowed to continue his naval career.

1970 was an historic year for Brashear. He achieved the rank of senior chief Boatswain's Mate and became the first black Master Diver of the United States Navy. He went on to serve in the salvage ships USS Hunley (AS-31) and USS Recovery (ARS-43) before retiring with the rank of master chief petty officer in 1979.

EYE ON THE FLEET



Fireworks explode and highlight an F/A-18A Hornet, assigned to the U.S. Navy flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, at the Mid-South Air Show last September at the Millington Municipal Airport. The air show showcased the Blue Angels and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds flight teams. (U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Jayme Pastoric)



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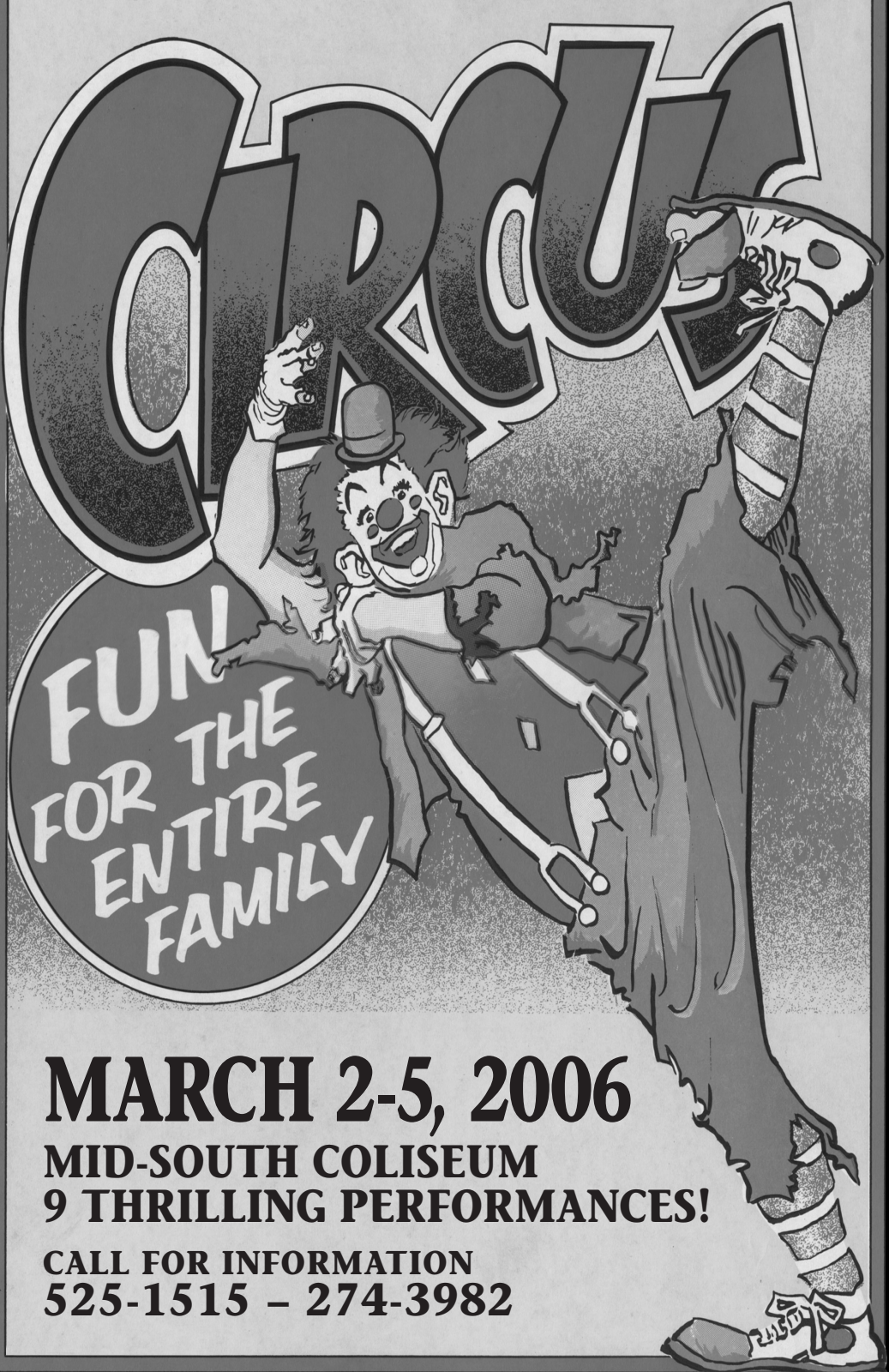
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